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1. It was learned that the final assembly of Diesel Engine KVD-125 will get under way in workshop No 9 on 1 April 1955. Sixteen specialized workers were already transferred to Rossau, the destination of the engines. In early January 1955, the cut and milled crankshafts were waiting in workshop No 8 for their final machining. Motor blocks had not yet been delivered. In February 1955, workshop No 9 was equipped with the machinery required for the final assembly of the Diesel engines. Access to this workshop was permitted only to persons with special identification cards. The crankshafts were locked up.
2. On 4 February 1955, the first 25 motor scooters were delivered to DMZ Maschinen- und Fahrzeugbau. The original sales price of 2,500 DM is expected to be reduced to 1,800 DM. In January 1955, several motor scooters were sold to private buyers at the lowered price under the obligation of submitting continuing reports on the performance of the machine, and of not selling it within a period of two years. Delivery had been delayed because of nonfulfilment of contracts by subcontractors, and the shortage of knockout spindles, rims, tires, and chassis. A shortened type of the 1955-model IFA 125 telescopic springing was used. The 1955 production target was fixed at 10,000 motor scooters, 250 - 300 per shift. In early February, 2,000 engines were in stock to be fitted into the scooters.
3. In January 1955, the bicycle Diesel engine which is assembled at VEB Karl-Marx-Werk at Magdeburg was offered for sale at a price of 478 DM. VEB Industrierwerk Ludwigsfelde is engaged in the manufacture of seven component parts of this type engine. On 2 January 1955, 7,000 pistons and 5,000 connecting rods were ordered at VEB Industrierwerk Ludwigsfelde.
4. On 1 February 1955, work was started at workshops No 6, 8, and 11 on the machining of tube blanks for tank guns. After turning, grinding, boring and grooving operations, these tubes were to be delivered to Brandenburg and Strausberg.

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